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SUBJECT: FHWA MISSION TO IRAN - VRT/FHWA AGREEMENT

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FROM: MCKENDRICK

RATIONALE FOR DECISION MADE TO DELETE ARTICLE VIII,
PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FROM THE VRT/FHWA AGREEMENT IS
AS FOLLOWS:

1. OTHER SIMILAR FHWA AGREEMENTS MADE UNDER AUTHORITY
GRANTED IN SECTION 308, TITLE 23, DO NOT CONTAIN PRIVILEGES
AND IMMUNITY SECTIONS. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH MANY OTHER
COUNTRIES DOES NOT INDICATE THE NEED FOR SUCH A PROVISION.
KUWAIT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. WE ARE NOW THREE MONTHS BEHIND THE TIMETABLE PRESENTED
IN AUGUST 1974 AND DO NOT WISH TO DELAY FURTHER.
CREDIBILITY IS AT STAKE. TIMING WOULD CONTINUE TO
DETERIORATE. WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT
APPROACH, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THIS TIME IN
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CONNECTION WITH VRT/FHWA AGREEMENT.

3. IF GOI AGREES TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON PRIVILEGES AND
IMMUNITIES DESCRIBED STATE 74406 IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE 5B
OF TCA, FHWA PERSONNEL WOULD BE FULLY COVERED. KISSINGER

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